

LAND USE AT MARKET DRAYTON ROAD & ECCLESHALL ROAD – UPDATE



From the questionnaire that many of you completed in November, **nearly three-quarters** of you do not support the use of this land for housing. **A quarter** of you do support housing and 5% didn't respond.

So, what were your reasons for not supporting housing?

The main reason given was the lack of infrastructure and facilities for existing houses which wouldn't be able to cope with any more new homes. Respondents commonly cited roads, drainage, doctors and schools as issues.

The lack of local employment and reliance on a poor bus service to centres of employment and busy roads with bottle-necks for car users was also mentioned.

Also the number of houses for sale in the area suggesting any need could be accommodated within the existing housing stock. Others suggested that brown field land in Newcastle should be developed before green field sites in rural areas are developed. And there are those who believe Loggerheads is big enough already and will lose its village feel if any more houses are built.

What were the reasons for support for housing on Market Drayton Road and Eccleshall Road?

The reasons in favour of new building included: a need for social and low cost housing in the area; it would improve the appearance of the village and may achieve a community centre on part of the site; and it would improve facilities and infrastructure for existing residents.

A lot of the people who support the sites for housing did recognise that any more houses in Loggerheads would require further investment in infrastructure.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? – Newcastle Borough Council considered the public's comments that were received in response to their consultation process; Parish Council questionnaire results and the results of their own desktop assessment and approved the disposal of the two sites, subject to first securing an outline planning permission for both sites. They intend to submit planning applications within the next 4-6 months.

You will have the opportunity to make comments on the planning applications so be ready to have your say. Watch the Parish Council notice boards, newsletters and website for updates. The Parish Council will continue to fight for improvements in infrastructure as part of any future housing development in the parish.

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WHAT IS THERE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DO?



COULD YOU HELP TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE AGE 12 – 17 SOMEWHERE TO GO TO MEET THEIR FRIENDS ONE NIGHT A WEEK?

The Staffordshire County Council run Youth Club held at Ashley Memorial Hall for many years closed its doors before Christmas, following a withdrawal of funding. On 6 January community volunteers held an evening for young people who are in school year 8 and above to have a say about what they can do in Loggerheads. There was an overwhelming plea to give young people somewhere to meet to chill-out with their friends rather than hang about in the village. They want a youth club back and the Parish Council is supporting volunteers to look for ways to get it going again.

Could you spare an evening on a regular basis to help at the Youth Club, or would you sit on a Management Committee to make sure it is run properly?

If you are interested please contact the Clerk.